

REMARKS

Applicant's attorney wishes to express his appreciation for the courtesy of an interview conducted with Examiner Nguyen on July 17, 2001.

Claims 1, 14, 27, 41 and 55 were amended for additional clarity. It is asserted that this amendment does not narrow in any way the scope of the original claims. The amendment is merely directed to an alternative language which is equivalent to the original language but is preferred by the Examiner.

Claims 2 and 15 were amended for typographical errors.

Claims 5-7 were amended to more positively introduce "additional symbols" at the beginning of the claims with "further comprising". It is believed that the original claims were definite under 35 U.S.C. 112 second paragraph.

Claims 27 and 41 are believed to contain method steps.

Claims 46, 47, 53 and 54 were amended with "further" to further indicate that the recited step is in addition to the previous step. It is believed that the original claims were definite under 35 U.S.C. 112 second paragraph.

As discussed during the interview, Applicant's attorney explained to the Examiner the differences between Jensen and the claimed invention. The reference is distinguishable since it does not show each individual play, since each drive, which makes up a plurality of plays is represented by only a single line, thereby failing to convey information on the nature of each play.

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The broad Claims 1, 14, 27, 41 and 55 include limitation that each of the at least two plays can be distinguished from each other.

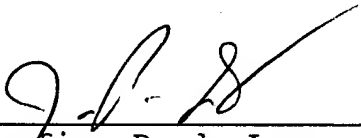
As to claims 61, 63 and 65, none of the references show information regarding at least one play in response to a user identifying at least one of the plurality of symbols.

In view of the above, since none of the references teach or suggest Applicant's claimed invention, it is assertive that claims 1, 14, 27, 41, 55, 61, 63 and 65 and claims dependent therefrom are patentable over the cited references and are asserted to be in condition for allowance.

The additional claims fee for claims 61-66 was paid on July 11, 2001, in connection with the response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application of April 11, 2001.

It is believed that no additional fees are due; however, should that be incorrect, please charge to Deposit Account No. 19-2105 and inform the undersigned.

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VERSION OF CLAIMS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

1. (Amended) An article of manufacture for conveying information regarding a football game between two teams, comprising:

a substrate; [and]

a plurality of symbols rendered on the substrate along a path representing at least a portion of a drive by one of the two teams, and

the plurality of symbols representing at least two plays that occurred during the drive such that each of the at least two plays can be distinguished from one another [the other of the at least two plays].

2. (Amended) The article of manufacture as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a plurality of lines, rendered on the substrate, representing marked yard lines of a football field on which the football game was or is being played, and wherein positions of the plurality of symbols with respect to the plurality of parallel lines correspond to yard lines of the football field at which each of the at least two plays began and ended.

5. (Amended) The article of manufacture as claimed in claim 1, [wherein] further comprising additional symbols [are] rendered on the substrate so that the plurality of symbols and the additional symbols together represent all plays that occurred during at least a quarter of the football game, the plurality of

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symbols and the additional symbols representing the plays that occurred during the quarter such that each of the plays can be distinguished from the others of the plays.

6. (Amended) The article of manufacture as claimed in claim 1, [wherein] further comprising additional symbols [are] rendered on the substrate so that the plurality of symbols and the additional symbols together represent all plays that occurred during at least a half of the football game, the plurality of symbols and the additional symbols representing the plays that occurred during the half such that each of the plays can be distinguished from the others of the plays.

7. (Amended) The article of manufacture as claimed in claim 1, [wherein] further comprising additional symbols [are] rendered on the substrate so that the plurality of symbols and the additional symbols together represent all plays that occurred during the entire football game, the plurality of symbols and the additional symbols representing the plays that occurred during the football game such that each of the plays can be distinguished from the others of the plays.

14. (Amended) An apparatus for producing an article of manufacture that conveys information regarding a football game between two teams, comprising:

a printing device configured to render a plurality of symbols along a path representing at least a portion of a drive by one of the two teams, and

the plurality of symbols representing at least two plays that occurred during the drive such that each of the at least two plays can be distinguished from one another [the other of the at least two plays].

15. (Amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 14, wherein the printing device is configured to render a plurality of parallel lines on the substrate representing marked yard lines of a football field on which the football game was or is being played, and to render the plurality of symbols with respect to the plurality of parallel lines correspond to yard lines of the football field at which each of the at least two plays began and ended.

27. (Amended) A computer-implemented method for rendering a diagram representing a football game between two teams, comprising a step of:

(a) in response to information input to a processor regarding at least two plays in a drive by one the two teams, rendering a plurality of symbols on at least one of a display and a substrate of a printing device, the plurality of symbols being rendered along a path representing at least a portion of a drive by one of the two teams, and

representing the at least two plays such that each of the at least two plays can be distinguished from one another [the other of the at least two plays].

41. (Amended) A computer-readable medium for use with a

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processor, the medium having a plurality of instructions stored thereon which, when executed by the processor, cause the processor to perform a step of:

(a) in response to information input to the processor regarding at least two plays in a drive by a football team,

causing a plurality of symbols to be rendered on at least one of a display and a substrate of a printing device, the plurality of symbols being rendered along a path representing at least a portion of the drive by one of the two teams, and

representing the at least two plays such that each of the at least two plays can be distinguished from one another [the other of the at least two plays].

46. (Amended) The computer-readable medium as claimed in claim 41, wherein the plurality of instructions stored on the computer-readable medium, when executed by the processor, cause the processor to perform a further step of:

(b) causing additional symbols to be rendered on the at least one of the display and the substrate of the printing device so that the plurality of symbols and the additional symbols together represent all plays that occurred during at least a half of the football game, the plurality of symbols and the additional symbols representing the plays that occurred during the half such that each of the plays can be distinguished from the others of the plays.

47. (Amended) The computer-readable medium as claimed in

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claim 41, wherein the plurality of instructions stored on the computer-readable medium, when executed by the processor, cause the processor to perform a further step of:

(b) causing additional symbols to be rendered on the at least one of the display and the substrate of the printing device so that the plurality of symbols and the additional symbols together represent all plays that occurred during the entire football game, the plurality of symbols and the additional symbols representing the plays that occurred during the football game such that each of the plays can be distinguished from the others of the plays.

53. (Amended) The computer-readable medium as claimed in claim 41, wherein the plurality of instructions stored on the computer-readable medium, when executed by the processor, cause the processor to perform a further step of:

(b) causing additional symbols to be rendered on the at least one of the display and the substrate of the printing device that indicate results, if any, of each of the at least two plays

54. (Amended) The computer-readable medium as claimed in claim 42, wherein the plurality of instructions stored on the computer-readable medium, when executed by the processor, cause the processor to perform a further step of:

(c) in response to a user identifying a location on the display, with respect to the plurality of lines, corresponding to a location on the football field at which one of the at least two

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plays ended, displaying a user-input screen to a user that permits the user to input information to the processor regarding the one of the at least two plays.

55. (Amended) An apparatus for rendering a diagram representing a football game between two teams, comprising:

means, responsive to information input by a user regarding at least two plays in a drive by one of the teams, for rendering a plurality of symbols on at least one of a display and a substrate of a printing device, the plurality of symbols being rendered along a path representing at least a portion of the drive by one of the two teams; and

means for representing the at least two plays such that each of the at least two plays can be distinguished from one another [the other of the at least two plays].